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TO : Lawrence R. Houston

DATE: 11 August 1953

FROM :

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SUBJECT: Proposed External Research Project on the Subject "Soviet Doctrines in International Law"

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1. I received a call this morning from [REDACTED] State Branch, Liaison Division, OCD, regarding our comments on the subject. I have examined your memorandum of about two years ago in connection with a related suggestion made by a [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] of OCD on the establishment of a Legal Register within the Agency.

2. I notice that you mentioned in your earlier memorandum the project subsidized by NCFE to develop a study of the general legal pattern of the USSR and its Satellites. As you will recall, sometime last winter we had a question from Mr. Dulles concerning the possibility of recovery of some of the confiscated property of the American College at Simeonovo. In answer to Mr. Dulles' request we utilized the services of exiled lawyers from the Soviet bloc nations presently working in the Foreign Law Section of the Library of Congress. I believe that these lawyers are under the same NCFE project to which you referred and that their staff is composed of highly qualified, legally trained, individuals from all of the Soviet bloc states. I would suppose that on any particular questions with which we might be concerned involving Soviet doctrine in international law that we could call upon their services. The availability of this research group would seem to satisfy most of the needs which this office might have in the area which the subject project proposes to treat. This is not intended to belittle the value of a project of this nature to other components of this Agency and the Government.

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